

No. 9242	號二十四百二千九第	日九十二月六年三十緒光	HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1887.	四拜禮	號八十月八英曆舊	PRICE 24¢ PER MONTH
			REMARKS: BY WANG	NEW ADVERTISEMENTS		

HKONG, CANTON, AND MAC

STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.
THE "KIUKIANG" will make a **Trip** to
MACAO and BACK, leaving **Hongkong** on
SATURDAY, the **26th** instant, at **5.30 P.M.**,
 and **Macao** on **SUNDAY**, the **27th** instant, at
 9 P.M.
 Fare to **Macao and Back \$2.** No **Single Fare**.
 Chinese Servants **50 Cents each way.**
Excursionists are requested to provide them-
 selves with **Cash** for the payment of their **Fares**
 and **Refreshments**, as upon this occasion **CHEQUES**
 will **NOT** be **ACCEPTED.**
 Refreshments will be supplied on Board by
 the **Hotel.**
 Tickets may be obtained at the **Company's**
 Office.
 By Order, **F. HENDERSON,**
 Acting Secretary.
 Hongkong, 18th August, 1887. 1678

MONDAY, September 5th.
A DRAWING CLASS for LADIES will be
 opened on the same day.
PRIVATE LESSONS given in English, French
 Mathematics, &c.
 Hongkong, 18th August, 1887. 1586

PUBLIC AUCTION.
 THE Undersigned has received instruction
 to Sell by Public Auction, on
 SATURDAY, the 29th August, 1887, at 2 P.M., at his
 Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, the
**SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD
 FURNITURE &c.,**
 Consisting—
 REP COVERED DRAWING ROOM
 SUITE
 Blackwood MARBLE TOP CENTRE and
 SIDE TABLES, CHIMNEY GLASSES and
 PICTURES.
 DINING TABLE, SIDEBORD with
 Glass Back, WREATHS, English-
 and-MAHOGANY CABINETS COVERED
 with GREEN GLASS and PLATE

WARE.
Double and Single IRON BEDSTEAD.
WARDROBES, WARDROBES with Glass
Doors, CHEST of DRAWERS, WARE
TOILET TABLE and GLASS and WASH
STAND.
WRITING DESK & COPYING PRESS
One COTTAGE PLANO. No. No.
TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary. Auctioneer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Hongkong, 18th August, 1887. 115

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Have just received
AN ASSORTMENT OF
BOOTS AND SHOES
suitable for Summer wear.
KID BALMORAL BOOTS.
KID & FRENCH CALF SHOES.

PATENT LEATHER AND GLASS
MOLIERE SHOES.

SUN HATS, STRAW HATS
JERAI HATS.

SMITH'S CELEBRATED GLASGOW
TOBACCOS,
MANILA CIGARS.

AND
KAWALA & GOLDEN BELT
CIGARETTES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1887.

FOR SWATOW.

THE British Steamer
"NANSHAN"
Captain J. Blackburne, will be dispatched
the above Port TO-DAY, the 18th inst.

HONGKONG, 17th August, 1887. (1)
 NOTICE.
 COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.
 PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS
 FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND
 YOKOHAMA.
 THE Company's Steamer
 "YANGTSE".
 Captain Bonafant, will be dispatched for
 above Ports TO-DAY, the 18th instant.
 FOUR P.M.
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX
 Agent.
 Hongkong, 17th August, 1887.
 DOUGLASS STEAMSHIP COMPANY
 LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND POOCHONG
THE Company's Steamship

"HAI TAN."
 Captain S. Ashton, will be despatched for
 above Ports, **TO-MORROW**, the 19th inst.
 Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURIE & CO.
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 17th August, 1887.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

FOR SHANGHAI.
 (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through
 rates.)
HANKOW, CHANGHAI, NEWCASTLE, AND YOKO-
HAMU Company's Steamship

"BELLEROPHON."
 Captain Guthrie, will be despatched as
TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1867.

STEAM TO JAPAN.

FOR NAGASAKI KOBE, AND
YOKOHAMA

THE Steamship

"CARISBROOKE,"

R. Cass, Commander, will be despatched
to-MORROW, the 19th inst., at 8
P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SUTHERLAND & SWIRE
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1867.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, AND
HAMBURG, by SUBORVAL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANT-
WERPAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, LIV-
POOL, and BREMEN.)

THE Steamship

"POLYHYMNIA,"

Captain W. Schiffer, will be despatched for

above Ports on SATURDAY, the 27th
at ELEVEN A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO
Agents,
Hongkong, 18th August, 1887.

SHARES.

Quotations are—

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—182	per cent. premium, and no call.
China Insurance Company's Shares—182	per cent. premium, and no call.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—182	per cent. premium, and no call.
North China Insurance—182	per cent. premium, and no call.
Yongtze Insurance Association—182	per cent. premium, and no call.
China Insurance Company, Limited—\$225	per share.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—14	per share.
Canton Insurance, Office, Limited—\$724	per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—182	per share, buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—182	per share.
Strait Marine Insurance Company, Limited—\$80	per share.
Strait Fire Insurance Company, Limited—\$10	per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—80	per cent. premium, and no call.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—84	per cent. premium, and no call.
Indo-China Navigation Co.'s Shares—80	per cent. discount.
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—30	per cent. discount, nominal.
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—\$50	per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$125	per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$200	per share.
China Refining Company, Limited—\$145	per share, sellers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$55	per share, nominal.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$51	per share.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$10	per share.
Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company, Limited—\$10	per share.
Perak and Siam Tin Mining Company, Limited—\$10	per share, fully paid up, sellers.
Perak Sugar Refining Company—18	per share.
Hongkong Rops Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$35	per share.
Hongkong and Macao Glass Manufacturing Co., Limited—\$1	per share, fully paid up, sellers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$5	per cent. premium.
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited—45	per cent. premium, sellers.
Singapore Insurance Company, Limited—\$15	per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—6	per cent. premium.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—8	per cent. premium.
Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886—5	per cent. premium.
Chinese Imperial Government 1885 Dollar Loan—1	per cent. premium.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Pilsbury & Co.'s Barometer.)

August 17th.

Barometer—9 A.M.	29.90
Barometer—1 P.M.	29.54
Barometer—4 P.M.	29.50
Thermometer—0 A.M.	78
Thermometer—6 A.M.	79
Thermometer—9 A.M.	79
Thermometer—12 M.	77
Thermometer—1 P.M.	77
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	77
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	77
Thermometer—Mercury	77
Thermometer—Windspeed (over eight)	77

Departments, outside the above sum, so that the Temporary Construction Bureau will receive a vote of more than 10,000,000. An immense garden will be laid out after these offices have been constructed around the Palace Ground.

THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILA.
A meeting of the creditors of the firm of Pae, Hubert & Co. was held at Manila on the 4th August, when the claims against the estate were examined. The assignee was authorized to continue the liquidation in the way he might consider most desirable in the interests of the creditors.

A commission has been appointed at Manila for the revision of the Customs tariff. The tariff is supposed to be based on the present rate of duty, but owing to the changes in prices which have taken place since the values were fixed some articles pay forty and fifty per cent. while others pay less than ten per cent.

Marital law has been proclaimed by the Spanish authorities in the Caroline and Palau Islands. The reason, as set out in the proclamation, is "in order to instantly repress any relation that the natives of the Caroline Islands and Palau may attempt to establish with the established Government, and in order to strengthen by all means the authority of the Government of the said provinces, so that they may not become a source of trouble to their work and may make the force of the law felt with that rigour and promptitude which is salutary in its application."

COCHIN-CHINA.

TONGKIN.
We note by the Tongkin papers that a Baco Club is in course of formation at Hanoi.

General Munier, in command of the troops in Tongkin, will, it is expected, return to France at the end of next month.

The *Carrier d'Haiphong* says the Minister-Résident of Tongkin and M. Barthelemy-Chantré have signed the definite contract with reference to the Hongkong and Shanghai Navigation Company. We learn from the *Journal* that a public company has been formed in Tongkin for the manufacture of Portland cement. The experiments which have been made in the Public Works department of Tongkin will, it is expected, be a large customer for the cement, and Hongkong, Saigon, Singapore, and India are also spoken of as probable markets.

The import of arms into Tongkin for the rebels would be still going on. According to the *Carrier d'Haiphong* a Customs officer recently came across two suspicious-looking junks, with whom he had a conversation, and he was the only European in the Customs boat and had only one rifle, while the junk people were well armed, he had to retire and seek assistance at the nearest French post. On his return with military assistance it was found that the pirates, as our contemporary calls them, and the junks were gone. The cargoes were believed to consist of arms, intended for a well known band of pirates in the Gulf of Tonkin, who were supposed to be implicated were burnt.

For other mail news see Supplement.

FOR SALE.

AT WHOLESALE PRICES.

SACONNET'S SHERRY, PORT, CLARET, CHAMPAGNE, BRANDY, WHISKY, ALE, STOUT, MACHINERY, PIANOS, COOKING STOVES, AND TRICYCLES, SCALERS, BICYCLES, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES.
Apply to **W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.**
Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1898.

JOSEPH GILLOTT'S STEEL PENS.
GOLD MEDAL, PARIS-1878.
Sold by all Stationers and Dealers.
FOR SALE CHEAP.

3 Cylindrical Tubular Gun-Boats' BOILERS, 150 H.P. each, with fittings, tested to 150 lbs. to the square inch, or would be very suitable for driving stationary engines. 1 Large Steam Launch Engine and Boiler. 2 Vertical Boilers, 1 Steam Fire Engine Boiler. 2 Horizontal and 2 Diagonal Steam Engines. 1 Large Planing Machine. 1 Drilling Machine. 2 Embury Tool Grinders. 1 Patent Fan. Blower. 2 Horizontal and 2 Diagonal Steam Engines. 4 and 6 inch. 6 inch Hydraulic Jacks. 2 double acting Hand Pumps. 1 500 Gall. Water Tank. 1 Bradford's Patent Steam Laundry, capable of washing about 1,500 pieces per day, with Boiler and Engine. 1 Powerful Jib Crane. 7 new Hand-Power Patent Steel Floor Mills, by Parsons of Wolverhampton. 1 New Patent Hand-Power Rice Shelling Machine, by Nicholson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

All the above Machinery are new or as good as new.

For further Particulars, apply to **J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer,**
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 24th June, 1897.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

J. B. WHITE & SONS.
SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA, HOLLAND WISE & Co.
Hongkong, 11th August, 1893.

YEE SUNG & Co.

COAL MERCHANTS,
have always on hand
LARGE STOCKS OF THE BEST QUALITY
Address—Care of Messrs. Kwock Seng & Co.
No. 88, PRATA.

WING TAI & Co.

SHIP COMPANIES, STEVEDORES, AND COAL MERCHANTS.
FRESH PROVISIONS SUPPLIED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.
客發煤油公司
FOR SALE.

CHAS. HEIDIECK'S

CHAMPAGNE, 1880 WHITE SEAL,
\$22.00 per case of 1 dozen quarts.
\$23.00 per case of 1 dozen pints.
PAUL DUBOIS & Co.
CLARET, GRAND VIN, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 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It cannot be charged against the Government that they did not take time to con-

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We therefore think that the benefit which can fairly be attributed to the brothel laws are those directly connected with the prevention of disease, and the protection of the body of prostitutes, and the probable destruction of disease at an early stage and the segregation of women found diseased until they are cured.

We must not be taken to imply that like results might be obtained by the application of the same principle to the rest of the law. In the first place we are disposed to remark that whatever good the purely sanitary regulations of the Ordinances may do, is, to a great extent, neutralised by the licensing system, which, by concentrating the houses of prostitution, and by concentrating the opportunities of both getting and communicating disease; and in the second place we see no reason to doubt that the women would, if not injured in

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THE CHINESE COMMISSIONERS IN AUSTRALIA.

The only point on which the Commissioner of Customs and Excise felt sore is the poll tax, and this they are undoubtedly regard as grievance. In the report of the interview at Brisbane above referred to, we find the following:—"The poll-tax rate in the respective colonies were naturally very different. It was not surprising that the General chimed in emphatic tones to the point tax. He regarded it very unfair, more especially when the treatment of Europeans in China was very different. On the ground reported by Europeans for their own use, duty was charged by the Chinese authorities neither on drinkables, eatables, nor wearables," said the General. He admitted that the effect of the poll-taxes would be to repress Chinese immigration, and even at present it

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MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—With respect to this sub-section, Sir, I beg to state that we have received certain objections, made on the part of the Chinese. They object to paragraph 4 of this sub-section because they think it would include coolie houses, and they object to coolie houses being classed as common lodging houses. They state that there is a great difference between a coolie-house and a common lodging-house. On consideration of the matter the G

Verarmen sets no reason why any distinction should be made. It is necessary to control and regulate the work of both kinds of houses, and there really can be no distinction of principle in the operation of the clause, as we say that we think it is necessary to regulate what we have heard of these cattle houses, and we make certain regulations respecting them, as we do in regard to these regulations there will be no opportunity for dissection; and when they go to the work of the house, we have also received some objections, and in order to meet them I move that the words "the word 'shopmen'" be inserted after the words "domestic labourers."

Hon. C. P. CHATELAIN—I propose, Sir, that after the word "shopmen" the words "artisans or journeymen employed in the erection of any building or structure" be inserted. We don't want in any way to interfere with the building houses, and if housework is to be built and repaired by domestic labourers it should be accommodated somewhere near where the work is going on. If these words are put in it would not alter the clause very much.

THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—Which building is going on or are they lodged in a permanent structure?

HON. C. P. CHATFIELD.—In materials.

THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—We have put them in the barracks.

HON. C. P. CHATFIELD.—But there may be a vacant house adjoining at the time and they may have to occupy that house.

THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—That would be applying, then, if merely a temporary lodging.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—I don't think this would apply. I am perfectly conversant with what the hon. member has been speaking of because we have a large number of soldiers in the barracks in connection with our fortifications. They get accommodated in materials. I don't think this clause would apply to what the hon. member has

the speaking of.
HON. C. P. CHATER did not press his amendment.
The sub-section was passed with the amendment proposed by the ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.
The Council then proceeded to consider sub-section 9 of clause 3, defining "householder" as follows:—"The actual tenant or occupier of the whole of any building or in cases where there shall be no such person, then the immediate landlord of the whole of such building and in the case of Corporations, Companies, and Associations the Secretary or Manager thereof shall be deemed the Householder and shall be liable under this Ordinance."

THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL said: There have been some objections raised to this sub-section. I am quite willing to add "for the purposes of this Ordinance." The honorable member (Hon. J. Bell-Irving) has given notice of an amendment to strike out the words "the whole" after the words "the actual tenant or occupier of" and the words "of the whole" after the words "immediate landlord." There is no objection to that amendment. The sub-section was passed as amended.

THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved that sub-section 11 of clause 3, giving the definition of "new building," be allowed to stand over for a week.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—This matter has not been

The Council then proceeded to discuss clause 4, which read as follows:—“The Board shall consist of the Surveyor-General, the Registrar-General, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Colonial Surgeon, and not more than six additional members, four of whom (two being Chinese) shall be appointed by the Governor, and one elected by the Chamber of Commerce and one by the Justices of the Peace.”

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—Sir,
amendment of which I gave notice at the
sitting was to the following effect—That inst
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spinal advocates, and that four should be appointed to the Board of Health. A great many of our citizens are of opinion that this is the "simplest" and "most efficient" way in which the question we can make. The amendment as proposed by the hon. member on my right we introduce new system altogether. We think that the Council should be composed of members to be introduced here, it should begin in the legislative Council. It must also be remembered that the nominee of the Governor when once he is appointed, is a member of the Executive Council, and that the members of the Executive Council are members of this Council who have been nominated by the Governor, are since the institution of the Council, have never, so far as I can learn, been members of independent whatever. They have never looked on themselves as members of the Executive Council, but as members of the Executive Council, the members of the Governor simply because they are appointed by him instead of being elected.—Of course I only speak from what I have seen, and I am not sure that I am quite right in saying that even if the non-official members of this Council had been elected by the electors or by the Crown, those elected would be nominated by the Governor, instead of being nominated by the Governor, and I think that the members of the Executive Council are more numerous than those who have been called in to this Council by the vote of the Governor. I do not think we are in a position yet to extend the elective principle, and I think that it is better to stick to the present system, and to say to members that they should be selected to show should be extended. In order to interest the public in the Board of Health, the Government have suggested that two members should be appointed by the electors, and that the members of the Special and Common Jury Lists and the exempt from serving on juries on account of their professional avocations, and the Governor is of opinion that they cannot go further than this.

THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE.—A: I intend to vote against this amendment perhaps I may explain my reasons. It seems to me there has been a mistake made in going so far as to increase the size of this board, because anyone who has had anything to do with the working of Committees or Boards knows that their business is generally left to two or three members. Here we are dividing the responsibility and what is everybody's business is nobody's. One or two settle the thing as a rule and the others give their assent, perhaps, without knowing the reasons. Therefore I think it is

you so far as to increase the numbers composing this Board a mistake has been made. Certainly if there is any necessity of having such a representative body this necessity should be met by the inclusion of the Chinese and the Malays shown to be the creatures of the Government and simply carrying out the opinions of the Government. There would be some reason for trying to get another body of men. It seems to me if you are framing a constitution and not framing a Government, the Government should not be allowed to elect the members as originally proposed because the Government is the point of the electors would be Chinese and Malays but you are not framing a Government on a property qualification, and the power of election should be given to those who have a stake in the Colony. The idea of popularising the Board by the introduction of the Chinese and the Malays is an opinion which we could have a Municipal Council here. Now that opinion has undoubtedly arisen from what occurs at Singapore and probably a

6086 of the Coast ports. As to Singapore, the Government have no objection to the proposal, whatever has anything to do with the hands of the foreign ratepayers. In Singapore, Malacca, and Prince Edward's Island there is a Municipal Council, but that Municipal Council was not set up by the Indian Act of 1838. That Municipal Council consists of five Commissioners who are a body corporate, and in whom is vested land and the power of assessing taxes and spending money for the improvement of the town and bridges &c. Under the Municipal Act of 1838 the Settlements were made into a Crown Colony, and there were five Commissioners and there are still five, but the President of Council was Chairman of Council, and he was a Government official and nearly every resident had to be subject to the approval of the Governor. To adopt a municipality here as there no should have

To change the entire system, and instead of the Legislative Council having control of the funds of the Colony you would have to place them in the hands of a municipality. No doubt at Singapore they have five commissioners and only two of them nominated by the Governor, but, as I say, this had its origin as far back as thirty-five or forty years ago and it was considered unnecessary to change it. However, as the Attorney-General has said, if members of Council think the time has arrived for having a wider representation, then it ought to be argued and the change ought to take place in this Council. If the people ought to be better represented it ought to be here, in this Council, the place where the laws are made and money raised and spent. The matter

what then have I to go before the house authorities, and if good reasons were shown why there should be representation it would be granted without doubt. On the representation of Sir George Bowen, the Justices of the Peace and the Chamber of Commerce were allowed to elect one representative each. It might also be that the House Government would allow another member to be elected either by the Chinese or the ratepayers whose names appear on the jury list. But it seems to me this is not the proper way to try to introduce the elective principle, and it is not logical that you should try to obtain it without a proper qualificative property rate. I intend to vote against the amendment and for the motion as it stood at the last meeting.

His EXCELLENCE—Gentlemen, I have also thought over this subject considerably. I have had some little experience in the Colony now, and I must say as regards this matter, I cannot see what you would gain by this amendment. We are in our infancy here as regards sanitation, and the result would be that landlords, the possessors of property, would be represented on the Sanitary Board. We all know what elections are. Free as they are in our own country, in England, hard as the State has tried to make elections perfectly free and independent, we all know perfectly well what it comes to, that the men of money and property are those generally selected. We find very few working men re-

presenting us in England, and we know perfectly well as we imagine this Government is doing, that the Board, as you call it, would be. We cannot help thinking that with regard to the interests of everybody—the Garrison, the May, the Phillips, the Beecher, the North, and the poor for whom we legislators are here—they will all be very much better off as regards the regulation of sanitation under the Board as we propose to constitute it, than they would under such a Board as appears in the members who wish to constitute it. There is no such arbitrary body of men, I suppose, as a Municipal Sanitary Board. I suppose I suppose they would be better educated. They required to be introduced in the first instance. I don't know exactly the history of all these Municipal Boards, and I don't know how they have been connected with the people and now in all those various English towns where people live and die, where a father of a family is most jealous as regards the operation—relating to sanitation—of affecting his wife and children, and his feelings which we hope sometimes preponderate over the interests of property—I don't know how much there is anybody more arbitrary and more uneducated than the members of a Board, when you call a Municipal Board of Health, and, well, you are young as regards sanitation and I

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